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1. The 1 Battalion of the 2 Regiment of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column is commanded by YEH Cho-yu (葉卓育). The battalion headquarters, the 2 Machine Gun Company under HUANG Ch'i-hsin (黃啓新), and a special unit of about 80 men are at Put'ou (埔頭) School, Wantsai (Wantzu, 112-36, 23-56). The 1 Company is in Huangchin (112-34, 24-36), the 2 Company in Molohsia (摩羅下), and the 3 Company in Peishan (113-30, 22-34).
2. The 2 Machine Gun Company is equipped with one Maxim heavy machine gun and eight Browning light machine guns. Each of the infantry companies is equipped with one machine gun. The headquarters of the battalion has a telephone switchboard, connecting each company headquarters.
3. Each company has about 170 men but the present strength is only two-thirds of that number. Only two to three veterans of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column are in each squad; the remainder of the troops are chiefly Nationalist soldiers who were captured at the battle of Huaihai. Except for squad leaders and officers, few of the soldiers are Communist Party members.
4. The training director of the battalion is in charge of the education and ideological "remoulding" of the troops, and he also directs all activities of political and party organizations in the area. The deputy training director assists in the planning and enforcement of the rent reduction program. On 3 September training directors, secretaries, and Communist Party members, 24 in all, were sent to Canton for training.
5. For the coming winter, units are to go into the village for the purpose of indoctrinating political workers assigned to land reform programs. Each unit is to take part in farm production, propaganda work, and the clean-up of guerrillas. Troops have also been sent to Tonglungsha (釘龍沙) to harvest a crop of 200 mou.

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